

**REMARKS**

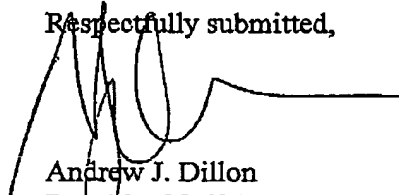
This Amendment is submitted under 37 C.F.R. § 1.197(a) in response to the decision of the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences dated September 30, 2004.

In that decision the Board has reversed the Examiners rejection of Claims 10 and 16 noting that these claims require "a third character string which contains the first character string prefixed by at least one character with a low sort value." The Board found that the Examiner had not established that the symbols cited in the reference have any sort values "let alone a low one." Consequently the Board reversed the Examiner's rejection of Claims 10 and 16. Based on a careful decision of the Boards comments Claim 1 had been amended to incorporate the features previously set forth within Claim 6 and Claim 10 and Claim 12 has been amended to recite the features previously set forth within Claim 14 and 16. Consequently, Applicant urges that, pursuant to the decision of the Board, Claims 1-5, 7-9, 11-13, 15 and 17-18 are now in condition for allowance.

Further, Applicant has amended Claim 19 to incorporate features which the Board has decided are not shown or suggested in the references. Consequently, Claim 19, as amended herein, now recites expressly the storing of a third character string representing the word in a third field within a multi-field data object wherein the third character string comprises the first character string prefixed by at least one character with a low sort value. Consequently, Applicant urges the Claims 19, 20, 22, 24 and 25 should now also define patentable subject matter.

No extension of time is believed to be required; however, in the event an extension of time is required please consider that extension requested and please charge the fee for that extension, and well as any other fee necessary to further the prosecution of this application to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447.

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